



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

Mitchell E. Daniels, Governor

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New Members Appointed to Indiana's Quarter Horse Breed Development Advisory Committee

Governor Mitch Daniels has appointed Chris Duke, Michael Gross and Randy Thompson to serve on the committee which advises the Indiana Horse Racing Commission on its Quarter Horse Breed Development Program. The appointments are for four year terms and begin on January 1, 2011.

Chris Duke has been involved in the horse business his entire life and is the newly elected President of the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana (QHRAI). Chris is the co-owner (with Vessells Stallion Farm, LLC) of the stallion Quick Action. The stallion's offspring, One Quick First Down, recently won the Las Alamitos Two Million.

Michael Gross is an attorney who acquired his first Quarter Horse in 1965. He has been actively racing Quarter Horses since 2000 and serves as the Treasurer for the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana.

Randy Thompson, an owner and trainer who has been participating in pari-mutuel Quarter Horse racing in Indiana since its inception in 1997, is the immediate past President of the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana.

The new appointees replace Carol Ecker, DVM, Jim Noel and Shirley Tresner whose terms have expired.

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